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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/555,408
Filed: May 25, 2000
Title: System and Method of Sending and Receiving
Secure Data Using Anonymous Keys
Our ref: PA1066US

Dear Lynn:

This letter is to advise you that, due to nonpayment, we are petitioning the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for permission to withdraw from representation in the above-identified case. We expect that this petition will be granted. Therefore, we recommend that you engage alternative counsel to handle the prosecution of this case. Copies of the filed document are enclosed for your records.

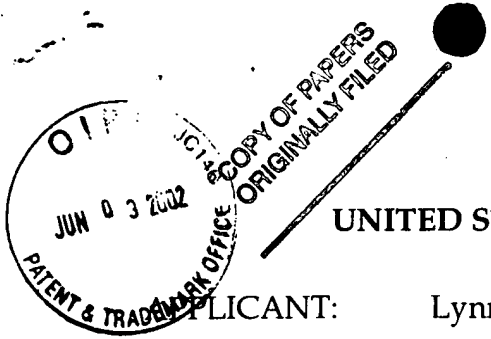
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eppa Hite

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Enclosure

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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Lynn D. Spraggs

SERIAL NO.: 09/555,408

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TITLE: System and Method of Sending and Receiving Secure Data Using Anonymous Keys

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date printed below:

Dated: 5-22-02

By: *J. Lynn Spraggs*
J. Lynn Spraggs

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY
(37 CFR 10.40(c))

SIR:

1. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW

I, an attorney signing below, along with the other attorneys so indicated, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case in accordance with 37 CFR 10.40.

2. CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Please direct all future correspondence to the Applicant.

Applicant's Address:

Lynn D. Spraggs

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3. BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 CFR 10.40(c) section 1(vi).

The client has failed to pay bills rendered by the firm of Carr & Ferrell, LLP (customer # 22830) for an unreasonable length of time.

4. ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

A. Status of this Application

☒ (X) There is no outstanding term for response

☐ () There is an outstanding term for response to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers which is set to expire on _____. The above term is extendible under 37 CFR 1.136(a) until _____ and the fees for such extension

☐ () are

☐ () are not being submitted herewith

☐ () Also submitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Office Action.

☐ () As the patent has been granted, only maintenance fees are outstanding.

B. Time Left for Response

Therefore, the amount of time for response including extension under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is:

☒ (X) at least (**five months**)

☐ () cannot be calculated since this case has already been issued by the PTO

5. NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

In accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

6. NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST

This request is enclosed in triplicate.

7. SIGNATURES OF WITHDRAWING ATTORNEYS

J. Eppa Hite (Reg. No. 30,266) has executed the notice of withdrawal. The undersigned attorney is authorized to sign and is signing on behalf of practitioners associated with the customer number 22830.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 5-22-02

By: 

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